

Portsmouth City Council

A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL will be held at the Main Concert Hall / Council Chamber - The Guildhall on Tuesday, 3 June 2014 at **10.30 am** and all members of the council are hereby summoned to attend to consider and resolve upon the following business:-

Agenda

*Items 1 (Election of Lord Mayor) and 2 (Appointment of Deputy Lord Mayor) will take place in the **Main Concert Hall**.*

- 1 To elect the Lord Mayor for the ensuing Municipal Year.**
- 2 To appoint the Deputy Lord Mayor for the ensuing Municipal Year.**
*The Council will adjourn at approximately 11.45 am and deal with the remaining items, re-commencing in the **Council Chamber** no earlier than **2.45 pm**.*
- 3 Members' Interests**
- 4 To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 18 March 2014 (Pages 1 - 14)**
- 5 To receive such communications as the Lord Mayor may desire to lay before the Council, including apologies for absence.**
- 6 Deputations from the Public under Standing Order No 24.**
- 7 Leader of the City Council**

The Leader will be a Councillor elected to the position of Leader of the Council. Under the Local Government Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, the current Leader of the City Council will remain in office until May 2015, unless;

- a) he resigns from the office;
- b) he is removed from office by resolution of the Council

The Lord Mayor to ascertain the intentions of the Leader and the Council.

8 Leader's Appointments

In accordance with the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, to receive details from the Leader of the Council regarding Cabinet members and portfolios for the ensuing Municipal Year.

The Council will also receive details of the appointments from the Leader (as it is within the Leader's gift) for the Health and Wellbeing Board, applying the following criteria;

- Portfolio holder responsible for Health & Social Care
- Portfolio holder responsible for Children's Services
- Two other members of the administration
- Two members of the opposition

Appointments for 2013/14 were; Cllrs L. Madden, R. Wood, M. Hancock, S. Stockdale, R. New and J. Patey.

Standing deputies were; Cllr D. Fuller, G. Vernon-Jackson and J. Fazackarley.

9 Proportional Representation on Panels and Committees

Under the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, the City Council is required at each Annual Meeting to review the representation of different political groups, to determine the allocation of seats to different political groups for the forthcoming Municipal Year and to appoint Members in accordance with the decisions of the Council as to allocation and according to the wishes of the groups as to the identities of the Members to be appointed. The appointment of Members is dealt with separately under Item 10 below.

Proposed allocation of Seats for 2014/15 (Table 1) will be circulated shortly

The representation of groups must be in accordance with the rules set out in the relevant legislation. Details of the proposed allocation of places on Panels and Committees will follow (set out below are the totals) -

Table 1.

1 Number of Cllrs	2 Total No of Cttee Seats	3 Places on Licensing cttee	4 Planning cttee	5 Governance & Audit & Standards, Employment , and 5 Themed Scrutiny Panels (6 Members)	6 Places on Scrutiny Management Panel (9* Members)
42	76	15	10	42	9

Principle 2 within Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 requires the majority of seats on Committees and Panels to be allocated to the group having the majority of seats on the City Council.

A group is defined in the regulations as comprising two or more persons.

* It is recommended that Scrutiny Management Panel shall comprise of members who shall be appointed as Chairs of the themed scrutiny panels.

2014/15 municipal appointments will be presented at the meeting

RECOMMENDED (1) that the total number of seats on Committees and Panels be divided amongst the political groups in accordance with Table 1 above (details to follow);

(2) that any other bodies subject to the political proportionality rules be appointed in accordance with proportions shown in Table 1.

10 To appoint Members to the following Committees and Panels for the 2014/15 Municipal Year :-

Scrutiny Management Panel	- 9 members
Planning Committee	- 10 members
Licensing Committee	- 15 members
Governance & Audit & Standards Committee	- 6 members
Employment Committee	- 6 members
Health Overview & Scrutiny Panel	- 6 members
Education, Children & Young People Scrutiny Panel	- 6 members
Traffic, Environment & Community Safety Scrutiny Panel	- 6 members
Economic Development, Culture & Leisure Scrutiny Panel	- 6 members
Housing & Social Care Scrutiny Panel	- 6 members

- 11 **To appoint Standing Deputies (three named Members for each Group on each Committee or Panel, five in respect of the Planning Committee).**
- 12 **To appoint the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Committees and the Scrutiny Management and themed Panels for the 2014/15 Municipal Year.**
- 13 **Appointments**

To appoint representatives, **who must be elected members**, to the following outside bodies. These appointments are reserved to the City Council in accordance with Paragraph 1.3 of Part 2 of the Council Constitution, information on the political proportionality of the bodies listed below will follow.

- (1) To appoint 3 members in political proportionality to serve on the **Hampshire Fire & Rescue Authority** for the 2014/15 municipal year.

(In 2013/14 the appointees were Councillors Phil Smith, Jason Fazackarley and Luke Stubbs)

- (2) **Police and Crime Panel (PCP)**

To appoint 1 member to serve on the Police and Crime Panel (Councillor Stagg was the Council's representative in 2013/14).

Note: Councils are asked to consider when appointing, whether a conflict of interest might occur for Leaders and Community Safety Portfolio holders, as they are likely to be in regular discussions with the Police and Crime Commissioner about local crime and disorder issues.

- (3) To appoint up to 4 members to serve on the **Local Government Association General Assembly** for the 2014/15 municipal year, who will be supported by the appropriate officers at the Annual Conference, **and to specify which of the elected members will hold the voting rights.**

Portsmouth City Council has up to 4 votes on the LGA, which are usually exercised by the party forming the City Council's political administration. Those having the right to vote should be identified.

In 2013/14 the representatives were Councillors Hugh Mason, Gerald Vernon-Jackson, Will Purvis and Donna Jones, who each exercised one vote.

- (4) To appoint 6 members to serve on the **Langstone Harbour Board** who must be an elected member.

Current members are; Councillors P. Eddis, L. Mason C, P. Smith, G. Vernon-Jackson, A. Windebank and M. Winnington were appointed for 2013/14.

Note the current Deputies are Councillors H Mason, S Wemyss, C. Scott and E Scott.

The current political balance applied to the Board is 4 Liberal Democrats and 2 Conservatives.

14 Other Appointments

6 members to the **Twinning Advisory Group** - currently chaired by the Resources Portfolio holder, with the Lord Mayor performing the deputy Chair role (the other 4 members in 2013/14 were Councillors Hall, Eddis, Jonas and L. Mason).

Therefore one vacancy is expected with Councillor Wylie replacing Councillor Stagg as the Lord Mayor as the vice chair.

15 To receive and consider any urgent and important business in accordance with Standing Order No 26.

16 Forward Plan Omission

To note in accordance with the Constitution that the report with respect to Agenda Item 17, it was not possible to include the item within the normal forward plan process and the usual omission procedure therefore had to be followed.

17 Revised Minimum Revenue Provision for Debt Repayment Policy (Pages 15 - 20)

To receive and consider the attached report from the Head of Financial Services.

18 Dates of future meetings of the full Council

To determine the following dates for meetings of the Council during the ensuing Municipal Year as required under Standing Order 6 and 10(k), to commence at 2.00 pm unless otherwise indicated –

15 July 2014	20 January 2015
14 October 2014	10 February 2015 (budget)
11 November 2014	17 March 2015
9 December 2014 (if needed)	19 May 2015* (Annual) (10.30 am)

Note: (*) The current understanding is that the local elections will be combined with the General elections on 7 May 2015 (following the Fixed-term Parliament Act 2011).

To agree in principle subject to later ratification, the following provisional Council meeting dates for 2015/16

14 July 2015
13 October 2015
10 November 2015
8 December 2015

19 January 2016
9 February 2016
22 March 2016
17 May 2016 (Annual)*
(10.30 am)

Note: (*) The current understanding is that the local elections will be combined with the Police and Crime Commissioner elections on 5 May 2016.

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